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The following Bill is published with the consent of the Speaker given under the proviso to rule 127A of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly Rules:-

THE DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024.

GUJARAT BILL NO. 8 OF 2024.

A BILL

*further to amend the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and
Communication Technology Act, 2003.*

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

- Guj. 6 of 2003. 1. This Act may be called the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and **Short title.** Communication Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024.

**Amendment of
long title of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- 2.** In the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in the long title, for the words “Institute of Information and Communication Technology”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

**Guj. 6 of
2003.**

**Amendment of
short title of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- 3.** In the principal Act, in the short title, for the words “Institute of Information and Communication Technology”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of
section 2 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- 4.** In the principal Act, in section 2, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for clause (e), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:-
“(e) “Directors” means the Directors as may be appointed under section 19A;
 - (ee) “Director General” means the Director General as appointed under section 18;”;
 - (iii) clause (i) shall be deleted;
 - (iv) after clause (o), the following clause shall be added, namely:-
“(p) “University” means the Dhirubhai Ambani University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, a University established under section 3.”.

**Amendment of
section 3 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- 5.** In the principal Act, in section 3, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in sub-section (1), for the words “Institute of Information and Communication Technology”, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (iii) for sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-
“(7) The campus of the University shall be at Gandhinagar.”.

**Substitution of
section 4 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- 6.** In the principal Act, for section 4, the following section shall be substituted, namely :-

Objects of University “**4.** The objects of the University shall be to develop the knowledge of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind, consistent with the intent, objectives, and substantive guidelines framed under the National Education Policy, 2020. The objects of the University shall be as follows:-

- (i) to disseminate, create and preserve knowledge and understanding by teaching, research, training and extension activities by effective demonstration and influence of its corporate life on society in general;

- (ii) to create centers of excellence for providing knowledge, education, training and research facilities of high order in the fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;
- (iii) to create capabilities for development of multimedia content and its distribution;
- (iv) to develop patterns of teaching for certificate or diploma courses, undergraduate and post-graduate courses and at doctoral, post-doctoral, vocational or any other level and to maintain a high standard of education, its applications, to create capabilities for upgrading fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;
- (v) to develop training facilities and to make arrangements for training in higher education, professional education, vocational education and allied fields, and to provide for inter-relationship for national and international participation in the fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;
- (vi) to function as a learning resource centre for knowledge management and entrepreneurship development in the areas of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social

Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;

- (vii) to provide for arrangements for national and global participation in the fields of higher, professional and vocational education relating to Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;
- (viii) to establish close linkage, with the industry to make teaching, training and research at the University relevant to the needs of the economy, at national and global level;
- (ix) to provide consultancy and Research and Development services;
- (x) to set up online and distance learning facilities, e-learning facilities as per the current status and such other modes as may develop in future;
- (xi) to set up study centers, examination centers within or outside the State of Gujarat, including such centers established overseas, subject to the permission of the regulatory bodies under any law made by the Parliament and any regulations, rules made by the regulating bodies and/or the Government of India;
- (xii) to pursue any other activity, association, partnership, or provide any services as are considered by the University to be incidental and ancillary to and necessary for the attainment of its objects.”.

**Amendment of
section 5 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

7. In the principal Act, in section 5, -
 - (i) in sub-section (2), for the word “Institute”, occurring at two places, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of
section 6 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

8. In the principal Act, in section 6, -
 - (i) in clauses (i) to (xvii), for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in clauses (xix) to (xxvii), for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (iii) in clauses (xxix) to (xxx), for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;

- (iv) for clauses (ii) to (iv), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(ii) to provide for instruction, training, research, advancement and dissemination in such branches of knowledge or learning pertaining to fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;
- (iii) to conduct innovative experiments in new methods and technologies in the fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind, in order to achieve international standards of such education, training and research;
- (iv) to prescribe courses and curricula and provide for flexibility in the education system including interdisciplinary courses, Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and other features or flexibilities as envisaged under the National Education Policy, 2020 and prescribe appropriate pedagogy, instruction or delivery methods including electronic and online distance learning and any other method of learning which may develop in the future.”.
- (v) for clause (ix), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(ix) to sponsor and undertake research in the different areas of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind;”;

- (vi) for clause (xii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(xii) to develop and maintain relationships with teachers, researchers and domain experts in the fields of Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind and allied areas in any part of the world for achieving the objects of the University;”;
- (vii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 7 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 9. In the principal Act, in section 7, for the word “Institute” wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 8 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 10. In the principal Act, in section 8 for the word “Institute” wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 9 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 11. In the principle Act, in section 9,-

- (i) for the word “Institute” wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
- (ii) in clause (a), for the words “ the Director”, the words “the Director General” shall be substituted;
- (iii) after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :-
“(aa) the Directors.”.

Amendment of section 10 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 12. In the principal Act, in section 10, in sub-section (1),

- (i) for the word “Institute” wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the word “Director” wherever it occurs, the word “Director General” shall be substituted;
- (iii) after clause (iii) the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-
“(iii-a) two Directors of the University, by rotation, to be nominated by the Director General;”.

Amendment of section 11 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 13. In the principal Act, in section 11, in sub-section (1), for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 12 of Guj. 6 of 2003. 14. In the principal Act, in section 12,

- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;

- (ii) in sub-section (2),-
 - (a) for clause (ii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(ii) to institute courses of study at the University;”;
 - (b) for clause (ix), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(ix) to delegate any of its powers to the Director General, Directors, Deans and the officers equivalent to Dean; and”
- 15.** In the principal Act, in section 14, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in sub-section (1), -
 - (i) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted.
 - (ii) in clause (iii), for the words “information and communication technology”, the words “Science, Technology including Information and Communication Technology, Engineering, Gas, Oil, Mining, Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Medical Science, Healthcare, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Paramedical, Pharmacy, Commerce, Management, Law, Humanities, Literature, Social Sciences, Political Science, Economics, Education, Architecture, Urban Planning, Design including Fashion Designing, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Communication, Mass Media, Film, Drama and Entertainment, Journalism, Sports, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Farming, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Skill Development and any other field and/or Educational Discipline and interdisciplinary areas across fields / disciplines for the advancement of mankind” shall be substituted;
 - (iii) after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(iii-a) two Directors of the University, by rotation, to be nominated by the Director General;”;
 - (iv) in clause (iv), the words “in consultation with the Directors concerned” shall be added at the end;
 - (v) in clause (v), the words “in consultation with the Directors concerned” shall be added at the end.

- 16.** In the principal Act, in section 15, for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.

- 17.** In the principal Act, in section 16, in sub-section (1), -

- (i) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
- (iii) after clause (ii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(ii-a) one Director of the University, by rotation, to be nominated by the Director General;”.

**Amendment of
section 14 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

**Amendment of
section 15 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

**Amendment of
section 16 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

- Amendment of section 17 of Guj. 6 of 2003.** 18. In the principal Act, in section 17, for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 18 of Guj. 6 of 2003.** 19. In the principal Act, in section 18, -
- (i) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) clause (d) shall be deleted;
 - (iii) in the marginal note, for the word “Director”, the words “Director General” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 19 of Guj. 6 of 2003.** 20. In the principal Act, in section 19, -
- (i) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (iii) in the marginal note, for the word “Director”, the words “Director General” shall be substituted.
- Insertion of new section 19A in Guj. 6 of 2003.** 21. In the principal Act, after section 19, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-
- Directors.** “**19A.** (1) The Directors of different faculties / departments / institutes / centres of the University shall be appointed in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Regulations.
- (2) The Directors shall manage their respective faculties / departments / institutes / centres of the University and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Regulations or be delegated by the Board or entrusted to them by the Director General.”.
- Amendment of section 20 of Guj. 6 of 2003.** 22. In the principal Act, in section 20, -
- (i) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- Substitution of section 21 of Guj. 6 of 2003.** 23. In the principal Act, for section 21, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-
- Deans.** “**21.** (1) The Deans of the University shall be appointed by the Director General, in consultation with the Director of the relevant faculty / department / institute / centre of the University, with the approval of the President of the University.
- (2) The Deans shall assist the Director General and relevant Director/s in managing the academic and / department / institute / centre of the University and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Regulations or delegated by the Board or entrusted by the Director General or Director/s of the relevant campus / faculty / department / institute / centre of the University.”.

- 24.** In the principal Act, in section 22, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 25.** In the principal Act, in section 23, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 26.** In the principal Act, in section 24, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 27.** In the principal Act, in section 25, for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 28.** In the principal Act, in section 26, for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 29.** In the principal Act, in section 27, for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 30.** In the principal Act, in section 28, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 31.** In the principal Act, in section 29, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 32.** In the principal Act, in section 30, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in the marginal note, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 33.** In the principal Act, in section 31, for the word “Institute”, the word “University” shall be substituted.
- 34.** In the principal Act, in section 32, -
- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in sub-section (2), -
 - (a) for clause (xvii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
“(xvii) the terms and tenure of appointments, salaries and allowances, contractual services, rules of discipline and other conditions of service of the Director General, Directors, other officers, teachers and employees of the University;”

**Amendment of section 22 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 23 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 24 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 25 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 26 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 27 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 28 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 29 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 30 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 31 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.****Amendment of section 32 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

(b) for clause (xix), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(xix) the powers and duties of the Director General, Directors and other officers, teachers and employees of the University;”.

Amendment of section 33 of Guj. 6 of 2003. **35.** In the principal Act, in section 33, -

- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted.

Substitution of section 34 of Guj. 6 of 2003. **36.** In the principal Act, for section 34, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-

Transitory provisions “**34.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act,-

- (1) the Director may, with the prior approval of the President and subject to availability of funds, discharge all or any of the functions of the Director General or the University for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and the Regulations and for that purpose may exercise any power or perform any duties which by this Act and the Regulations are to be exercised or performed by the Director General or any authority of the University until the Director General or such authority comes into existence as provided by this Act and the Regulations;
- (2) the Board functioning as such immediately before the commencement of the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024 shall continue to so function until the Board is constituted for the University under this Act, but on the constitution of the Board under this Act, the members of the Board holding office before such constitution shall cease to hold office; Guj. of 2024.
- (3) the Academic Council functioning as such immediately before the commencement of the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024 shall continue to so function until the Academic Council is constituted for the University under this Act, but on the constitution of the Academic Council under this Act, the members of the Academic Council holding office before such constitution shall cease to hold office; Guj. of 2024.
- (4) the Finance Committee functioning as such immediately before the commencement of the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024 shall continue to so function until the Finance Committee is constituted for the University under this Act, but on the constitution of the Finance Committee under this Act, the members of the Finance Committee holding office before such constitution shall cease to hold office; Guj. of 2024.
- (5) until the first Regulations of the University are made under this Act, the existing rules and regulations of the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of information and Communication Technology, as approved by the Board as in force immediately before the commencement of the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication

Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024, shall continue to apply to the University, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.”.

37. In the principal Act, in section 35, -

- (i) for the word “Institute”, wherever it occurs, the word “University” shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the word “Director”, wherever it occurs, the words “Director General” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of
section 35 of
Guj. 6 of 2003.**

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State Government has enacted the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology Act, 2003 (Guj. 6 of 2003) to develop a culture for and bring about an awareness of information and Communication Technology and to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of a National Action Plan for Information Technology.

The Act proposed to be amended with the object of ensuring that the University shall be able to offer education and research opportunities in diverse fields consistent with the mandate of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and reinforce Gujarat’s standing as the most progressive and dynamic State in the country.

The object and function clauses required substitution by enlarging the scope of areas in which the University can function and offer educational and research opportunities. Therefore, substitution of the word “Institute” with the word “University”; the deletion of the words “Institute of Information and Communication Technology” and substituting the same by “University”. The amendment is also proposed to be made in the long title, short title, section 2(a), 2(b), 2(d), 2(f), 2(g), 2(k), 2(m), 2(i), 3, 3(3) to 3(7), 4, 5(2), 6, 7(i), 7(ii), 8, 9, 10(1), 11(1), 12(1), 12(2)(i), 12(2)(iv), 12(2)(v), 12(2)(vii), 12(2)(x), 14, 15, 16(i), 16(iii), 17, 17(i), 17(ii), 17(iii), 19(iii), 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 35 of the principal Act.

The objective of the University has been broadened to pursue education, research and training across multiple disciplines including management, law, design, etc. and to transform into a MERU as envisaged under the NEP-2020 by amending sections 4, 6 and 14 of the principal Act. Also, amendment is proposed in order to provide for flexibility in the education system including interdisciplinary courses / research / training, Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and other features or flexibilities as envisaged under the NEP 2020 and prescribe appropriate pedagogy, instruction or delivery methods including electronic and online distance learning and any other method of learning which may develop in the future.

As per the amendment in section 3(7) of the principal Act, the campus of the University shall be at Gandhinagar. The position of ‘Director General’ has been substituted under section 2(p) and 18 of the principal Act. Also, a new section 19A has been proposed to be inserted in the principal Act for the appointment of Director and under section 9(a), 10(1)(iii), 10(1)(iv), 14(i), 14(iii), 14(iv), 14(v), 16(i), 16(iii), 18, 19, 20 and 35 of the principal Act for word “Director” words “Director General” has been substituted. Also, the powers of Director General are specified by addition of clauses under section 12(2)(ix), 14(iii)(a), 16(ii)(a), 21(1), 21(2), 32(2)(xvii), 32(2)(xix) and 34 of the Principal Act.

Moreover, the amendment has also been proposed to be made in section 34 of the principal Act in order to adopt a governance structure in keeping with its evolution into a multi-disciplinary entity.

This Bill seeks to amend the said Act to achieve the aforesaid objects.

PRAFUL PANSHERIYA,

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

This Bill provides for delegation of Legislative powers in the following respects:-

Clause 21. - (i) Sub-section (1) of new section 19A proposed to be inserted by this clause empowers the Board to prescribe by regulations, the manner in which and the terms and conditions subject to which the Directors of different faculties / departments / institutes / centres of the University shall be appointed;

(ii) Sub-section (2) of new section 19A proposed to be inserted by this clause empowers the Board to prescribe by regulations, the powers to be exercised and the functions to be performed by the Directors.

Clause 23. - Sub-section (2) of section 21 proposed to be substituted by this clause empowers the Board to prescribe by regulations, the powers to be exercised and the functions to be performed by the Deans.

The delegation of legislative powers as aforesaid is necessary and is of a normal character.

Dated the 26th February, 2024.

PRAFUL PANSHERIYA.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

K. M. LALA,

Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.

Gandhinagar,

Dated the 26th February, 2024.

